

1999 as U.S. Patent No. 5,973,647. Each of these applications is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Please replace the Abstract on page 28 as shown below:

A communication system and methodology for providing a signal of interest to at least one movable platform, for possible use by passengers associated with the movable platform, from an information source, where the movable platform is not within a signal coverage area of the information source. The method includes transmitting an information signal with a transmitter located at the information source, receiving the information with a first transmitter/receiver unit located on a first movable platform within the signal coverage of the information source, and re-transmitting the information signal with the transmitter/receiver unit to a receiver located on a second movable platform that is not within the signal coverage area of the information source. The method may further include repeating the steps of receiving and re-transmitting the information signal with at least one additional transmitter/receiver unit, to provide the information signal between the first movable platform and the second movable platform.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 9, 11, 23, 25, 26, 32-34 and 36-39 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants present the claims as amended below and enclose a separate sheet indicating the amendments to the claims with bracketing and underlining.

Please rewrite the claims as follows.

1. (Amended) A method of providing information to at least one passenger vehicle located on a pathway in an area where signal coverage is not available from an information source, to create an information network, the method comprising steps of:
- transmitting an information signal containing the information with a transmitter located at the information source;
 - receiving the information signal with a first transmitter/receiver unit located on a passenger vehicle that is within a signal coverage area of the information source and that is located on the pathway; and